

Boston Water Works: Fisher Hill
Reservior and Gatehouse
Fisher Avenue
Brookline, Massachusetts
Norfolk County

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Date: 1887

Location: Fisher Avenue, Brookline, Massachusetts

Designed by: Arthur Vinal, Architect

Owner: City of Boston

Significance: The Fisher Hill reservoir was built in 1887 to the designs of city architect Arthur Vinal, who also designed the High Service Pumping Station, a few hundred yards distant in Brighton, at the same time. The reservoir was supplied from the new pumping station.

The reservoir is rectangular in shape, 500 feet by 295 feet, and has a capacity of 15 million gallons. The gate chamber, approximately 27 feet square and 26 feet high, is of brick with trimmings of Longmeadow sandstone. Neither the reservoir nor the gatehouse is now in use.

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